REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended to resolve an issue raised by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

On page 3 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is maintained for reasons of record as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In this regard, the Examiner indicates that Applicants state that claim 7 has been amended to remove reference to actinoid species, but the claim has not, if fact, been amended in such a manner.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 7 to delete actinoid species. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-6 and 11-14 are allowed, and that claims 7-9 would be allowable once the 112, first paragraph, rejection maintained above has been overcome.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been overcome, and thus allowance of all the pending claims is requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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